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Keeping CHILDREN TOGETHER Aims To Ease Heartache Of Family Separation

Imagine yourself as a child again. Now imagine yourself as that child seeing a mother or father, or both, being taken away from you, while you are whisked away by strangers — to you know not where.

Frightening? Yes. But if your brother or sister were sent to that strange place with you it would be less scary, wouldn't it?

Unfortunately, that is rarely possible in the present foster care environment, but CHILDREN TOGETHER, a new program sponsored by Babyland Nursery, Inc., would like to begin to change this heart-wrenching scenario in so many children's lives.

Here is the story of CHILDREN TOGETHER.

Children Together is a program that provides a warm, loving, home-like environment for the temporary care of siblings and at-risk children when out of home placement becomes necessary. Unlike many foster care programs where sibling groups are inadvertently broken up, CHILDREN TOGETHER focuses on keeping brothers and sisters together, while working towards family reunification.

In Essex County, there are presently 1,435 children in foster care homes with 60% of them experiencing multiple placements and remaining an average of more than 4 years in all placements. Of these children, approx-

imately 60% are siblings who are placed separately. Separation from a parent or care giver generally has a negative impact on children, who require out-of-home placement, and the effect of such a separation is magnified when siblings are also separated. Furthermore, these children are more likely to have suffered from developmental delays, previously untreated medical and emotional problems resulting in behavioral difficulties, and academic learning disorders.

The problems of fragmented sibling groups, multi-problem families, and multiple, at-risk youth are closely related; they must be solved in an integrated manner. In response to these problems, CHILDREN TOGETHER will provide a group home, Specialized Foster Homes, and a network of essential support services.

The Children Together Home, a former convent which has been made accessible by the Newark Archdiocese, will provide a caring atmosphere for large sibling groups. This home will have space for twelve children. Although the focus of care and intervention will be concentrated upon the planned unification of siblings, CHILDREN TOGETHER will also make provisions for emergency placements in the home. The home will be staffed by a live-in married couple.

People who will be responsible for 24-hour care and supervision, along with the aid of a fully trained support staff. The home will blend in with the surrounding community and routinely, local community guests will be invited to spend an evening with the family.

CHILDREN TOGETHER will also develop, train, and monitor twelve Specialized Foster Families. These

foster families will offer long and short term foster care placements, a family living environment, professionally trained foster parents, and support services from CHILDREN TOGETHER staff. These Specialized Foster Families will be able to care for approximately thirty children.

CHILDREN TOGETHER is a program of Babyland Nursery, Inc. and (Continued on page 3)

Harmony House Wins Award

The administrator of New Community Harmony House, Ms. Jeanette Page-Hawkins, has been notified of an award by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, Inc. as a result of the significant contribution of Harmony House toward the struggle to end homelessness.

Ms. Hawkins will be accepting the Nonprofit Sector Award in Washington, D.C., on Monday, April 26th.

The awards ceremony hopes to "focus attention on the role that every sector has to play in finding and implementing solutions to homelessness."

Also receiving awards will be Allstate Insurance Company for the Private Sector and Congressman Bruce Vento from Minnesota who will be accepting the Public Sector Award. The six founders of the Alliance will also be honored for their dedicated work towards solving this national problem.

Past recipients have been the Chinese Housing Corporation and its executive director, Gordon Chin, in San Francisco; in 1992 and SRD Housing, Inc. and its Executive Director, Andy Raubenson, in Los Angeles in 1991. In 1990 the Community of Hope and its executive director, Tom Nees, from Washington, D.C. was honored.

An Update On New Community For Archbishop Emeritus Gerey

Some who come to view the progress of New Community are not from other countries, but from "just around the corner," so to speak. Such was the case with Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerey, whose residence is now in Rutherford, NJ.

"You could go back every week," he said after his latest tour, "because

things are so dynamic; things are happening overnight."

As the presiding bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark from April 2, 1974 to June 1, 1986, Archbishop Gerey watched the progress of the many New Community housing ventures for families and seniors which

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Rutgers Victoria Fellow Addresses The Need For Community Service

When Msgr. Wm. Linder was asked to address the students at Rutgers University as a Victoria Fellow in Contemporary Issues he rejoiced at the opportunity. To be able to speak to a new generation of young people on commitment to community development and responsibility to the underprivileged members of society — who knew where that meeting would lead?

Twenty-five years ago a group of young residents of Newark brought about New Community Corporation and a Network of services which today provides housing for 6,000, jobs for nearly 1200 and a future with hope to countless people.

He spoke to the students on the need for volunteerism and the philosophy of

self-dignity and self-sufficiency brought about by the variety of services from health care to day care which New Community offers.

During the visit, which spanned several days, Msgr. met with students from campus community service organizations including RUWith the Homeless and the RU Hungry Committee. He was also a guest lecturer at a class in mass media management with which he had had much experience, especially after his recent visit to Washington as a Face of Hope at President Bill Clinton's inaugural festivities.

Two other topics he touched on were "The Child in the Community and the Family" and "New Jersey Politics." Lastly, Father discussed the creation of New Community as a response to the 1967 Newark riots with a group of honor students on the Newark Campus.

The visit to the University was arranged through John Cooney, University executive assistant of community affairs and administrator of the Victoria Fellows program.

Certainly a working relationship with Rutgers University would be a very beneficial learning experience on both sides, so before he left, Msgr. Linder extended an invitation to the students for a tour of New Community facilities later this spring.



During his recent visit to New Community, Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerey, stopped in to see his little friends at Babyland V.

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Staff Development And Training Begins With Kathy Spivey

Kathy L. Spivey has an office with four walls and a desk here at New Community, but you will seldom find her there. As person in charge of Staff Development and Training her "hands on" style has already become apparent.

During her first seven weeks of employment the majority of her time has been spent at World of Foods. With a smaller number of employees than most NCC departments, it will become



Kathy Spivey

a prototype for the ideals of service and pride in employment for which New

Community would like to stand. The specific goals and objectives of NCC were discussed in sessions with the Executive Team, and individual training programs which respect the dignity of the individual will be implemented through New Community Corporation.

Kathy is a people person and has already made some changes in the World of Foods which will make work schedules run more efficiently. She will train and develop the existing staff, hire additional experienced staff and increase top line sales while minimizing loss through tighter controls.

Some Changes

Breakfast will now be served 7 days a week at World of Foods and an extensive marketing plan is underway.

Sunday Brunch will show its varied and affordable menu in time for Mother's Day.

An inexpensive Creole line will be added to the menu late in April and is under development by Priory chef Michael Guy. The arrival of a steamer in April will also allow the World of Foods to enjoy an expanded seafood menu.

Expanded business hours effective March 29th will provide evening meals and early morning meals to hard working area residents.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - hours are 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Sunday hours are 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

With Ms. Spivey forging ahead in her energetic style, each month will bring new employment training news.

Much of Kathy's expertise comes from her affiliation with the McDonald Corporation for 14 years.

From there she began her own consulting firm in Management Training and Development. Her degree in business administration was earned at the University of Cincinnati, in Ohio.



BREAKFAST IS READY, COME AND GET IT! The breakfast crew at World of Foods is ready to serve you.

American Planning Association Award Scheduled For Msgr. Linder

New Community's Msgr. Wm. J. Linder has been nominated for and selected to receive the American Planning Association's 1993 Paul Davidoff Award. U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur nominated Msgr. Linder for his advocacy planning to care for the needs of those less fortunate than

most.

Only work of "unusually high quality" is considered for the award; 15 of 116 nominated were selected.

Presentation of the awards is scheduled for Monday, May 3, in Chicago, Illinois, during the APA National Planning Conference.

Blizzard Didn't Stop NCC Home Health Aides



Debra Wood, Roy Emerson and Betty Davis stand tall proudly displaying their certificates of appreciation.

The extraordinary weekend during the Blizzard of '93, there stood in our midst three employees whose dedication we applaud.

Betty Davis, Roy Emerson and

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Debra Wood serviced their clients through the wind, snow and sleet.

Monday morning this office received several calls from the very grateful clients who were the recipients of the conscientious, sincere dedication of the above named employees.

This agency wishes to extend our most heartfelt thanks to the trio and will be issuing Certificates of Appreciation to recognize their efforts.

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

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Archbishop Gerety Visits...



Old friends Archbishop Emeritus Gerety and Babyland executive director Mary Smith were recently reunited when he toured our ever-growing network.

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appeared on the scene during that time. He also followed Babyland Nursery as it changed from a one room child care unit in public housing to a six center operation in many sites throughout the city. He was present at Babyland III as it opened one of the first childcare centers in the nation designed from the ground up especially for that purpose.

The Archbishop recognized the dedication to her community of Mrs. Mary Smith, executive director of Babyland and treasurer of New Community, board of trustees by sponsoring her for the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award which she received May 29, 1979.

Last month, Msgr. Wm. J. Linder, founder of New Community, introduced the Archbishop to the newest additions - Harmony House Transitional Homeless Facility, the Extended Care Facility and the New Community Pathmark Shopping Center.

CHILDREN TOGETHER: A Dream Soon To Be A Reality...

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will network with the various programs of TNCC. Working together, they will be able to provide a wide range of easily accessible program services to meet the needs of the children in placement and their families.

The supervising staff, child care givers, and Specialized Foster Parents join CHILDREN TOGETHER with various personal experiences, backgrounds, and professional accreditation. Over and above this, the staff is trained extensively in the Teaching Family Model before service, and monitored on its efficiency constantly thereafter.

At the end of the first year of operation, CHILDREN TOGETHER will have provided treatment and care to approximately one hundred children and their families. Also, a significant change will be illustrated in the way foster care services are delivered to families. Brothers and sisters will gain further support from each other in dealing with the hardships of foster care. And through local community services, after-care will be ensured to the greatest extent giving families better opportunities to improve and gain family reunification. The program is dedicated to keeping families and CHILDREN TOGETHER.

Lynn Mertz

Patricia Chisholm And Fran Sciulli Honored At First Annual Volumenemmy Awards

On the eve of the "Storm of '93," Fran Sciulli and Pat Chisholm were amongst the honorees at the "First Annual Volumenemmy Awards Night" sponsored by the Jr. League of Montclair-Newark and the Volunteer Center of Essex County.

Pat Chisholm was one of five recipients of the Maura Doane Jacobs Award for her work as a foster parent and for being the founder of CHILDREN TOGETHER, a program geared at keeping siblings in foster care together (see related story).

The \$500 award was endowed by Mr.

Eisenhower Foundation Report Suggests Following Proven Path For Urban Improvement

Recommends steering away from piecemeal efforts and following models which have been tested and proven to work.

It has been 25 years since the Kerner Commission issued its recommendations for improving urban conditions after the riots which tore apart sections of many large cities including Newark in 1967. At that time the report suggested that black and white societies were moving further apart, and certainly did not share equal privileges in American society.

The Kerner report spurred many urban and rural programs to action. Some efforts fell by the wayside, but ones did, namely New Community Corporation, whose plan included the support of New Jersey suburban towns people under the leadership of local residents. New Community began with a good faith loan (long since repaid) and has grown like the proverbial mustard seed into an \$80 million a year corporation providing safe pleasant housing for 6,000 residents and day care for 600 area children in the six Babyland Nursery, Inc. Centers.

The elderly are also not forgotten, enjoying an Extended Care Facility, senior buildings and meals and health services for those who need that care their lives.

All this also provides employment for 1200 people.

Today we are New Jersey's largest non-profit housing corporation and in addition one of the largest in the nation. Our facilities welcome groups from all over the world each week to share know-how and encouragement.

Not all endeavors have fared as well.

An evaluation of the undertakings of the last 25 years and suggestions for future programs was recently made by the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation to mark the 25th anniversary of the Kerner Report. It found that not much

had changed; the problems had even become more complex. Races are still separated and job income is still not equal.

In a CBS news report by Connie Chong last month reference was made to the Eisenhower report, which suggested that piecemeal projects to eradicate urban poverty which are not working should be dropped. The report recommended replacing them with grants to proven anti-poverty efforts. New Community was held up as an example of a community development model which was working.

The most important consideration the report felt, was improving the lives of young people without an unnecessary waste of time. If you have watched any recent news program the daily violence and potential for loss of innocent young lives has not escaped you. Time is precious.

To effect the redirection of monies from ineffective programs to ones that really work, the Foundation recommended the creation of a Corporation for Youth Investment which would coordinate the funding. Over \$500 million of both public and private monies would be distributed to community-based organizations over a period of five years.

The Foundation advocated expanding the number of local community development organizations to one thousand, with funding from HUD through intermediate non-profit organizations. Its recommendations also included an evaluation of charity and government programs to determine impact. New Community has already started such a program here. The New School for Social Research has used an ethnographer, Lisa Downing, to live at New Community for one year while conducting an assessment of NCC. We are still on the cutting edge.

A national summit concerning inner city children and youth, support for watchdog advocacy groups and methods of publishing public awareness about successful programs also entered into the report.



Helen Nugent (left), president of the Volunteer Center of Essex County, congratulates Fran Sciulli and Pat Chisholm. Both ladies were honored for their undying volunteer efforts.

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The Ringling Brothers/Barnum Bailey Circus came to town at the Meadowland Arena. Harmony House Youth were there to experience this spectacular show.

The staff and Youth would again like to send a special thank you to the Newark Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, for providing the discount tickets that helped make this event possible.

The children enjoyed every second of the show and were spellbound by each circus act. It all began with the Steel-Ring Acrobats, followed by the

Chicago Tumblers and animal acts with ponies, buffaloes, tigers and zebras. But, it would not be a circus without the death defying feats of the trapeze artist and the dancing girls.

It finally ended with all the performers gathering in the center of the ring to sing and the ceiling releasing a sky full of confetti and balloons onto the performers and audience.

What a night to remember!!
Albert Workfield
Youth Program Coordinator

How Old Are You Now???



NCC board President and St. Rose of Lima School Principal Art Wilson is surrounded by well wishers at his surprise birthday party.

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The decorous setting for the "Nite of Networking," included the sounds of soft music by jazz musician Branford Hayes, a delicious buffet of various hors d'oeuvres prepared by chefs from the Priory Restaurant and a cash wine bar for everyone attending.

This variation from the norm was hosted by the Employment Centers staff, allowing employers as well as job seekers to network in a more relaxed social setting after the regular business hours.

Leaflets explaining the color codes worn on the name tags of employers made it easy for job seekers to identify their employers in their areas of interest.

Overall the "Nite of Networking" was a huge success with employment connections being made throughout

the evening.

Congratulations are in order for the many job seekers who are pending their second or third interviews, and especially for those attendees who were hired on the spot by the following employers:

CONTEMPORARY PERSONNEL, Pat Murphy; EXECUTIVE SECURITY, Joyce Brown, Chris Jackson, Dennis Wiley; JUSTUS KIDS, Yolanda Rhame; NEW COMMUNITY SECURITY, Derek Spencer, Leslie Thomas, Lisa Smith, Clarence Jones, Brian Myrich, and YOUR ACCOUNTANT, Gretchen Brown.

The staff of New Community Employment Centers would like to extend a special word of appreciation to all the attending employers. Without your participation this would not have been possible.

We look forward to serving you with your employment needs, and seeing your participation in future endeavors.



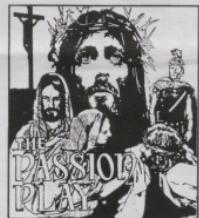
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Disciplining Our Children

by Lori Colyer-Aversa, M.D.

Parenting is difficult. It means putting your child first which sometimes calls for sacrifice and always requires self control. The time that parenting has its greatest impact is the first five years of life. This is the period where children learn how to get along with others and how to govern themselves. A good parent is able to accomplish two things as a result of proper discipline. That is to teach their children: 1. that they are lovable, and 2. that they are able to succeed.

Respect Your Children

Children, like adults, need to know that they are loved. They need to know that what they say or do matters to the people they love. Hugs and kisses are not enough to make you feel lovable. How can we show our children that they are loved, valued and respected? By paying attention to them. Look at them when they talk to you. Answer them when they call you or ask you a question. Choose a special time for each child separately, even if it is only for a few minutes. Play with them by their rules (as long as it is safe) even if it means you have to color the sky purple. Don't ridicule or embarrass them in front of other people because those experiences can stay with them for a lifetime. Say please and thank you. Notice when they are doing something right. Apologize. Even parents can be wrong, saying you're sorry shows them that their feelings count.

Guide Your Child

Everyone needs to feel capable, to know that they can do things and do them well. Children need guidance to

help them become confident in what they do. Parents do this in many ways. Setting routines and schedules give a sense of security. Giving simple chores teaches responsibility. Good manners and sharing are learned by mimicking the parents' behavior. However, children of parents who drink, smoke, do drugs or abuse their children are likely to do the same regardless of what the parent says to dissuade them. That's why the expression "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree" is true and why parents who practice a "do as I say, not as I do" style of discipline are often ignored.

Play fair. Tell your child what the rules are so that he knows what to expect. Be flexible enough to give reasonable choices so that children practice making decisions. For example; allow a choice between two available snacks, or bedtime story, or "T" shirt. Allow them to experience the consequences of their actions by not being overprotective.

As parents we are expected to provide our children with all of the tools that they will need to successfully fit into the world. But the reality is that nobody is perfect and so there will always be days when you can't get it all together. The important thing is to do the best you can. Never lose control to the point where you feel you might harm your child. If you have or think you might hurt your child then get help. If you are depressed get help. If you are doing drugs or alcohol get help. Children should never be the victims of adult problems. If the problem is you, then get help!

Getting Ready For An Enriching Summer

It's only three short months before the hectic pace of Babyland's Summer Enrichment Program begins on Monday, June 21, 1993. We are already looking forward to another exciting summer for the staff and the children.

In the past, our summer session has included swimming and cooking instructions, arts and crafts, aerobics, African American history, geography, computer instructions, etc. We've been to restaurants, theatres, museums, concerts, amusement parks, beaches, and cruising on the Spirit of New York.

Everywhere we go, our group receives compliments on how well informed and well-behaved they are. We're constantly asked if these are "gifted students" and of course, we say "yes." They are gifted not just academically, but also because of their many varied experiences in our unique Summer Enrichment program. Our program stands out, because we offer inner-city children the chance to experience sights, sounds, and people they may not come into contact with until later in life. They have listened to classical opera, country and western tunes, jazz, rock, and rap music. They have eaten foods from other countries and from different regions of America.

We look forward to another eventful and exciting summer and hope your child will join us for the experience of his/her life.

The program begins Monday, June 21, 1993 and ends Friday, August 27, 1993. The cost is \$65.00 per child per week from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at St. Rose of Lima School Auditorium for children 5 to 13 years of age.

For further information, contact Gayle Chaney-Barker, Summer Enrichment Program Coordinator, Babyland Nursery, Inc., 755 South Orange Avenue, (201) 399-3400 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Pathmark Employee Of The Month



Al Rispoli

According to New Community/Pathmark manager Bill Simmons, Al Rispoli keeps everything clean and in top shape in the back area in which he works. "Al is one of the better security receivers," he says. "He is our eyes back there."

Al has been working for Pathmark since 1985, part of the time with Paul Trucking which handles Pathmark deliveries. He has earned high regard and is a valued employee.

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It makes a big difference in service delivery when employees of an organization have a chance to express their needs and receive positive responses from management. Kudos to Babyland's Executive Team for steering our organization in the right direction. All of the staff look forward to working with each other and providing another 25 years of quality service to our clients.

Water Treatment Course Completed

Maintenance concerns take a high priority at New Community. Training is updated continually.

NCC central maintenance heating ventilation and air conditioning group successfully completed a training course recently for "Boiler & Cooling Tower Water Treatment." presented



NCC's heating, ventilation and air conditioning crew (HVAC) is always on the cutting edge of technology.

Vernel Whitley: Carpenter Supervisor

Vernel Whitley is a working carpenter supervisor in the Maintenance Department of New Community Corporation. Along with the other carpenters, he is making carpentry repairs in all our



Vernel Whitley

buildings. They install doors and locks, repair kitchen cabinets and counters. They also install floor and ceiling tiles, and do stucco work. They do all that is necessary to keep our buildings in tip-top shape. Vernel came to the U.S. from Kingston, Jamaica in 1970. He has 37 years of experience as a carpenter and mason. He has been working for NCC 8 years, 3 years as a working supervisor.

He lives in Orange with his wife and son. "I like to work for NCC and I intend to stay here. We have a good carpentry crew and I know we are doing an important job," says Vernel.

We wish Vernel many more productive years at New Community.

Emil Molnar

Director of Central Maintenance

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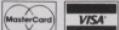


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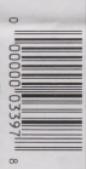
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NCC Security Little Sister/Brother Program

The struggle in the inner city to survive with a father or a positive role model is at its best. In our effort to give something back for God's blessing, we have set up a program where our department will "adopt" a little brother or sister of New Community. We may only be able to serve two in the same time period but it will be two less who may drop out of school or get involved with drugs.

With the help of Sgts. John Jackson and Wanda Williams, we were able to find a wonderful young lady who does not have a father nor mother in the

home; her grandmother is raising her. Yolanda Bennett, age 15, is doing well at Science High School. She is an outgoing little sister, who we feel can go far in life and our program will aid in that goal.

We will monitor her school work and report card, consult with her grandmother as to her needs and provide trips in culture and nature. We will support her grandmother, her efforts in education, goals and most any effort which will make a happy child and a productive adult.

St. Rose Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner

Cub Scout Pack 155 held their annual Blue and Gold Dinner at St. Rose of Lima School auditorium on February 17. It is on the occasion of the dinner that the Advancement Awards are presented to members of the pack.

Warren Billups, Cub Scout master for the pack, remarked how over the years this affair has grown to become a significant part of the scouting program. Some one hundred parents, guests and cubsouts participated in the festivities.

The recipients of awards are:

Bobcat Award: (For learning the scout promise and the law of the pack) Angel Rodriguez, Jeshua Vaughan, Antoine Vaughan, Shawn Smith, Derrick Younger, Tomory Boyer, Gregory Boyer, Keith Evelyn, Gregory Taylor, Dwan Taylor, Gregory Kornegay, Jamaal Edmonds, Richard Ogumbote, and Mokonji Lindsey.

The Showman Pin: (For learning about Fire Safety) Jeshua Vaughan, Shawn Smith, Derrick Younger.

Israel Edmunds, Christopher Granatella, Brandon Billups, Kevin Finley, Christopher Melvin, Morris Williams, Gregory Kornegay, Dwan Taylor and Corey Cooper.

Pinewood Derby: (For participation in the Pinewood Derby Contest on February 6, 1993) Robert Wright, Keith Evelyn, Malik Rose, Kevin Finley, Israel Edmunds, Enrique Matos, Johnathan Granatella, Christopher Granatella, Morris Williams, Andre Diaz, Jeshua Vaughan, Tomory Boyer, Gregory Boyer, Brandon Billups, Richard Ogumbote, Mark Ogumbote, Damien Commons, Christopher Melvin, Mokonji Lindsey, Corey Cooper, Jason Osgood, Gregory Taylor, Dwan Taylor, Jamaal Edmonds and Angel Rodriguez.

The new charter was presented to Mr. Arthur L. Wilson, Principal of St. Rose of Lima School in a wooden frame at the close of the affair.

The Blizzard Brigade



Not even a blizzard can stop the folks involved with New Community's Meals on Wheels program. NC Associates kitchen staff (above) Vivian Fleming, Eleanor Harris, Magnolia Brown and Mary Sharp made sure that all meals during the inclement weather were packed and ready to go so that Mary-Lou Kiernan and Ronald Reddick (below) could deliver them to senior citizens and the disabled.



Three Win Officer Of Month

On February 28, 1993, approximately 8:24 a.m., a fire broke out on Somerton Street. Security Officer **Shawn Holston** ran into the building while his partner, Officer **Jerome Mazique** went to alert the fire department.

Officer Holston knocked on doors and yelled for people to get out of the building. When one tenant was felt to be missing, the officers went back into the smoke filled building in an effort to locate the missing person. It was later learned that the tenant was away, visiting friends.

Director Hicks was on the air and responded and checked the building

just after the fire department departed the site. He spoke to all residents in the building and learned that Ms. Viola Ricks was in need of clothes for her children. The Director called for the Red Cross. Sergeant **Wanda Williams** contacted friends and her home and returned with clothing items to help the problem.

Sgt. Williams and Director Hicks ensured that Ms. Ricks had a place to sleep for the night.

All three security people demonstrated a strong dedication to duty and truly deserve the officer of the month award.



Security officers Holston and Williams proudly accept their awards from NCC security director William Hicks. Also receiving an award is Officer Mazique who can be seen on page 10.

Two Officers Make Sergeant

Two officers in the Security Department have recently been promoted to Sergeant.

For two months, acting sergeant Ron Preston has been handling his job well and performing the challenging duties of sergeant admirably. He will now become a full sergeant.

Security Officer, Rick Venable has been performing the duties of patrol officer at Homes Court, as well as filling in at St. Rose in the afternoon, doing a great job with both positions. He will also be elevated to full sergeant.

They will now assume added responsibilities of supervision within their department.

We wish them all the luck in the world.



Sgt. Rick Venable shows off his new stripes.

STAY SAFE Carjacking Prevention Safety Tips

- ✓ Always check the back seat of your car before entering.
- ✓ Be alert and observant of your surroundings. If someone who appears suspicious approaches your car, quickly but carefully drive away.
- ✓ Keep your doors locked and windows closed.
- ✓ Don't open your window, even a little. Fingers or tools can be used to force your window out.
- ✓ Leave enough space between your car and the one in front of you when parked at a light to provide an avenue of escape.
- ✓ Park in areas that are well lit; avoid dark and remote streets.
- ✓ Don't stop or leave your vehicle if you're bumped by another car in an area that you are unfamiliar with or that you may feel is dangerous. Motion for driver to follow you and proceed to the nearest police station.
- ✓ Try not to travel alone, and let someone know of your plans.
- ✓ Keep your vehicle in good working order.
- ✓ If you feel you are being followed, or that you are in danger, go immediately to a well lit area where there are people and contact the police.
- ✓ If there is an attempt, try to get a description of the suspect and his vehicle.

Contributors: Armando Fontoura, Sheriff • Newark Police • NCC Security Department • AAA Auto Club

St. Rose Students Hear President Clinton

On March 1, 1993, students from St. Rose of Lima and St. Rocco schools went to the Louis Brown Athletic Center at Rutgers University in Piscataway to hear President Bill Clinton deliver a policy speech on National Service for the young. Menker Koneh, a seventh grader at St. Rose of Lima, shares his thoughts on his experience that day.

On our way to Piscataway we spotted the motorcade which brought President Bill Clinton from the Newark Airport. Mr. Wilson, our Principal, was unable to get off the New Jersey Turnpike at exit 9 because it was blocked by the state troopers. Security was tight all along the Turnpike. They were waiting on the motorcade which was just behind us. We had to go to the next exit. It taught we were never going to see the President.

A young student at Rutgers, named Nakia Tomlinson, introduced Mr. Clinton. When she came up she received a round of applause. When everybody calmed down she began to speak. She said she thought President Clinton was going to ride in his big limousine but he didn't. Her bus or the University bus like all of them. She spoke on how impressed she was with the President because of the many things he had said earlier, before coming to the gym.

The President started his speech with a joke. He said that with the introduction Ms. Tomlinson gave him, he should take her along with him everywhere he went to speak to introduce him. They would make a perfect team.

As the President delivered his speech about community service, I



Menker Koneh

thought some of the things he said were very interesting. He said that there should be jobs for the young people in the community. I agree. There should be jobs so the teenagers can come back and finish their high school education or start where they left off.

President Clinton spoke about work, getting together to make New Jersey the way it used to be. He impressed the mostly young crowd present at Rutgers University, Livingston Campus, when he spoke about student loans that will be used to help students toward their college tuition and other expenses they need to take care of.

If a young person volunteers his time to help communities of this country, the President said that they should be given an opportunity to go to college on a loan, and pay back only part of the money when they finish.

That was a day I will never forget. I was one of the lucky students selected to go to see the President.

Heritage Celebrated At Prayer Service

Friday, February 19, 1993, St. Rose of Lima School children and teachers celebrated in a creative way their heritage. The day started with a prayer service at 9:00 a.m. Everyone who participated as a reader, choir member, or leader was given the opportunity to wear their traditional garb from their native land. If they did not have traditional clothing they could wear red, green or black, the three liberation colors. The prayer service began with drum beats given to us by Shariff Majors and Shawn Smith.

Nyontee Jackman, Siniyah Baysay and Glenda Harris carried three candles (red, black, green) into the auditorium. The readers followed and took their places on the stage. Lincoln Rogers stood in the front and sprinkled the ground as the choir sang Holy Ground. Waymon Cook was the main presider at the prayer service. Waymon then called upon our ancestors that have gone before us as Joneal Legere poured water in a bowl in the libation ceremony.

Children from every grade (kindergarten: Joseph Lomete, Curris King, Chad McPherson, Edmund Yeal; first grade: Xiomara Jackman, Jasmin Thomas, Aswah Crowder, Kelleigh Jackson; second grade: Olabisi Laguda, J'ven Burgess; third grade: Richard Fontanez, Stacy Allen; fourth grade: Jamal Hawkins, Tashawna Smith; fifth grade: Jasper Threatt, Joneal Legere; sixth grade: Zadiyah Ballard, Tairie Sanders; seventh grade: Jackie Bido, Lanair Sweeting; eighth grade: Tahanee Johnson, Eseas Parrish) participated. Kern Baptist, Pedro Salas, Olaiyinka Ijaoela, Saar Kamanda and Emmanuel Francois did the scripture readings as the children did a poem based on scriptures and black poetry. Ronda Allcock, Leslie McClendon and Bree Johnson then did a choral reading of It Is Here We Stand Tall, So Tall.

All the children prayed the Our Father. There was a closing prayer and then the children sang Walk Together Children. It was a great way to start the day.



St. Rose of Lima upperclassmen shared stories about black history and culture with the kindergarten class as part of a whole program designed to enlighten all the children about their heritage.

St. Rose Heritage Day Assembly

The Heritage Day Assembly began with opening remarks by the chairpersons, seventh grader Tamara Shinholster and eighth grader Tom Hendricks. The audience then joined in the opening song "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Sixth grader Frankey Taylor gave a scintillating rendition of Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise." The school choir gave a very lively performance entitled "On the Battlefield."

The event which gained the undivided attention of everyone was the skit "When the Rattlesnake Sounds," a play by Alice Childress based upon Harriet Tubman's true feelings concerning commitment and fear. This play was performed by Dennisse Holloway, Tamara Shinholster and Jamie Allen.

Poetic tribute was paid to Langston Hughes by students of grades four, five and six, who expounded on some of his favorite themes about life in urban America.

The following seventh grade students participated in Personality Portrayals of Outstanding African Americans: Alummin Cosby as Thurgood Marshall, Qadriyyah Hill as Shirley Chisholm, Jamaine Paddyfoot



The school library was transformed into a cultural museum during black history month.

Black History Notes

Researched By James E. DuBoise

Mary Elizabeth Bowser Civil War Spy Birth/Death Unknown

Many capable black women during the Civil War (1861-1865) aided the Union Army as nurses, teachers and scouts. Others fought on battlefields as spies.

One such Union spy was Mary Elizabeth Bowser. Her birth and death are unknown, other than she was born a slave on John and Elizabeth Van Lew's plantation outside of Richmond, Virginia. After John Van Lew's death in 1851, Mrs. Van Lew freed Mary and the other slaves she owned. Considered her most favorite slave, Mrs. Van Lew sent Mary north to a school in Philadelphia.

When the Civil War started, Mrs. Van Lew, a southerner who thought slavery was degrading, was sympathetic to the Union. She organized a most intricate spy operation in her mansion that was equipped with secret rooms. Fugitives she helped, supplied her with information she would transcribe into cipher code and send through enemy lines to Union officers, including Generals Benjamin F. Butler and Ulysses S. Grant.

When Mrs. Van Lew needed an intelligence agent in the home of Confederacy President Jefferson Davis, she sent for Mary Elizabeth Bowser. Through shrews' scheming, Mrs. Van Lew arranged to have Mary placed, as a servant spy, in the White House of

Dr. Ralph Bunche, Anton Fitzpatrick as Jackie Robinson, Gregory Stewart as Arthur Ashe.

Freedom was the battle cry of the melodic voices of the school's choir in a second rendition. Seventh graders Desiree Ulrich and Naima McKnight highlighted the African contribution to Catholicism. Memorable mention was made of Saints Martin DePorres, Benedict and Charles Lwanga, Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange and Sr. Thea Bowman.

It was very apparent to everyone how the students of grades four, five and six enjoyed themselves immensely as they did justice to the work of poets Maya Angelou and Nikki Giovanni.

Recognition of the Hispanic American contributors was done by the following students: Hester Perez as Juan Ramon Jimenez; Teodulfo Diaz as Roberto Clemente; Luis Hernandez as Juan Ponce DeLeon; Gail Neidert as Rita Moreno and Nelson Rios as Henry Cisneros.

The assembly ended with everyone singing along with the choir "We Shall Overcome."



the Confederacy. Mary, of unusual intelligence, pretended to be dull and uninterested. She would listen to and memorize conversations among Davis and his men, as she served their dinner table. She would read warfare dispatches as she dusted the furniture. Mary would then steal away each night to the Van Lew mansion to repeat the military plans she had heard.

Mrs. Van Lew, called "crazy Bet," would place coded messages inside egg shells or printed them on dress patterns. Through a network of agents she passed this information to General Grant, who sent replies back to her in the same manner.

The Confederate President never knew that Mary was the security leak in his household staff. He was advised that the enemy knew everything going on behind the lines "as if the most secret counsels of the Cabinet were divulged."

Accounts of Mary Elizabeth Bowser's war efforts as an espionage agent were carefully hidden by Mrs. Van Lew even after the war. Mrs. Van Lew buried her secret diary in her backyard. Pages relating to Mary's activities were ripped out by Mrs. Van Lew in order to protect Mary from any reprisal.

At Your (Social) Service

NCC Goes Beyond The Call Of Duty

Mr. Joe Chaneyfield, Sr. Anastasia, Security and the Priory Restaurant were shining examples recently of how NCC makes a difference and goes beyond the call of duty.

On Sunday morning, February 28th, one of our apartment units caught on fire and it was no time at all before everyone came to the rescue. After the fire department was called the family was taken to the Priory Restaurant where they were hospitably greeted

and fed.

Social Services and Security immediately provided some clothes. The fire victims were then taken to a place where they could live while awaiting a new apartment.

Calls still come in from people in the network who feel that they have something that will be of benefit. This is what I call NCC spirit and true networking.

Sister Ellie



Sr. Anastasia, Willie Barlow, Joe Chaneyfield and Jerome Mazique truly exemplified what the New Community Network is all about when they came to the aid of a family who had been burned out of their apartment.

Making A Difference

The NCC Afterschool program had an educational and fun filled month. Ms. Sharanda Evans, the group instructor was delighted to see that all of her students received such good report cards. The NCC Afterschool

program does make a difference in our students' education.

The Afterschool program was so proud of its students' accomplishments that they rewarded the students with a party.

The children visited the Newark Museum and learned about ancient Greece structures; at the end of the tour they were given the opportunity to build structures of their own.

The highlight of the month was a fun filled evening spent at Barnum and Bailey circus! The students and several of their parents sat in amazement as they watched "The World's Greatest Show on Earth." The theme this year was dedicated to children who performed many spectacular acts.

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There's nothing like a fresh snowfall to bring out the best in children...and adults, too! Following the recent record snowfall, Sharonda Evans joined the children enrolled in the after-school program for a good old-fashioned frolick in the snow.

She Is My Inspiration

A resident is proud of what her daughter has accomplished.

PFC Tiffany R. Brown is the daughter of Patricia Brown who has lived at NCC Manor Family since April 10, 1983.

One of the classes she took while at high school was ROTC. It was then that she decided to go into the United States Marine Corp. After graduating from high school on June 23, 1992, she signed up for the USMC. She left for the Marines on December, 1, 1992

While at home we barely saw Tiffany because she had to go to the local recruiting office and recruit other marines.

Now my daughter is stationed in Meridian, Mississippi, at a naval base where she is an Aviation Operation Specialist. Tiffany will probably remain there until May, 1993, after which she will begin classes to study military law.

As her mother, I can say that she has truly been an inspiration for our family.

If anyone would like to contact my daughter for inspiration or just to chat, her address is:

PFC Brown, T.R. 146-64-4002/AOS

MATSG, NTC, NAC

Meridian, Mississippi 39309-5404



PFC Tiffany Brown

bound for Parris Island, South Carolina.

While Tiffany was in Parris Island, she received numerous awards and recognition for her performance: The National Defense Service Ribbon and medal, The Physical Fitness Award (for getting a 253 out of a possible 300); and the Rifle Badge of marksman (for getting a 201 out of a possible 250). In addition to this, she was designated for many jobs such as Fire team leader; squad leader of Basic Warrior Training and Laundry Recruit; for the entire time of her boot camp training. She was also in charge of serving the food and making sure there was always enough for everyone.

Tiffany graduated boot camp February 26, 1993 and then came home for 9 days, still having to work.

Student Of The Month

The March student of the month is Angelis Bonet. Angelis is a model student in the NCC Afterschool program. She is 9 years old and a 2nd grade student at Newton Street School. Angelis's special interest is math. She wants to be a teacher when she grows up. She definitely has what it takes! Keep up the good work Angelis.



Angelis Bonet

Spring Retreat Offers Opportunity

Spring is here! It is time to assess your wardrobe, try on last year's fashions for size, perhaps add a new item or two, for zip. Get ready for spring cleaning. Open the windows. Let sunshine and fresh air into the dark corners; chase the cobwebs; rearrange the furniture.

Sometimes our selves need the same treatment as our clothes and our houses. Retreat provides an opportunity to take a good look at well-worn habits. Do they still fit? Perhaps a new attitude is needed to add spice to life. Get away from a routine that has gotten too familiar to be appreciated. Find new perspectives, a new outlook, new horizons. Change the air. Turn things around; light up your life!

This experience promises to be more exciting than shopping and much more fun than spring cleaning!

If the idea intrigues you, why not

consider joining our group of about thirty-five network women and friends for our FOURTH ANNUAL RETREAT. It will be a perfect spring Get-Away Weekend, from April 30 to May 2. Come to the gracious setting of the Dominican Retreat House in Elkins Park, PA, where hospitality has become a habit. Give yourself the gifts of prayer and good preaching; solitude and support; laughter, song, silence; good food and good friends.

We will leave Newark at 4 p.m. Friday and return by 4 p.m. Sunday. \$85 covers all expenses of the retreat. Transportation will be provided by NCC.

We hope that you will join us. This opportunity is too good to miss.

Call Sr. Mary Ellen at NC Social Services for more information/reservations.

Rev. Yvonne Young Best

We are delighted that our good neighbor, Yvonne Best, is able to be with us for the Fourth Annual Women's Weekend Retreat. For the last two years Rev. Best has served as Associate Minister of Parish Development at Bethany Baptist Church in Newark. Presently, 200 people are



Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett discusses the upcoming women's retreat with Rev. Yvonne Best.

enrolled in the Scripture classes she offers there. This number is up from last year's attendance of 150. Sometimes, numbers can speak louder than words!

Rev. Best is actively involved in

Bethany's Youth Ministry. Along with several young parishioners, she plans to attend the Baptist Youth World Conference in Zimbabwe in August, 1993. She has been invited to lecture in Johannesburg and Capetown, SA while she is in Africa.

In order to minister at Bethany, Rev. Best commutes 100 miles a day to and from her home in Lawrenceville, NJ where she lives with her family.

The practice of nursing, notably at United Hospitals in Newark and the East Orange Health Department began Rev. Best's professional career. In 1984 she was ordained by the New York Metropolitan Baptist Association and has worked in Evangelism, Prison Ministry, and Campus Ministry at Princeton University.

Rev. Best strongly believes in people's being empowered for ministry. Once an individual experiences being called to ministry, a channel is needed for its expression. Today, more than ever before, the churches are challenged to provide these channels. This has been eminently successful at Bethany Baptist Church, which can boast of numerous effective service-oriented parishioners. This says volumes about the church leadership and gives us great enthusiasm for spending the weekend of April 30 to May 2 with Rev. Yvonne Best at the Dominican Retreat House in Elkins Park, PA.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett



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will draw all people unto Myself."*
John 12:32



Him.

There is a story about a man who worked all his life at a mill which rested at the bottom of a steep mountain. Each evening, after a long hard day at work, the man would begin his two mile trek up the hill. Many parts of the road were steep and tiring. Sometimes the dirt would soften in the sun so soft, and made the climbing all the harder. The man never complained though for each night, as he neared the house, a warm friendly light shone forth from the window to welcome him home and guide his steps. From far away the light shined, first a pinpoint, but then growing larger into the full glow of a lamplight. For the man, there was no more welcome sight. For him, that light was home.

The Resurrection of Jesus, wrought by the power of God, was the beginning of the glorification; the ascension into heaven, the end. Jesus made full atonement for our sins; His blood a ransom. He had died for the sins of mankind, and His miraculous victory over death offered the promise of rebirth for everyone who believed in

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"Tell A Friend" Protects Elderly

Did you know that 75% of our seniors are lonely? Most of them are widowed and live alone. Of those residing in "senior buildings" many are not familiar with their next door neighbors or the person who lives across the hall.

There are many service people including Home Health Aides from many agencies working in senior buildings. There are also people posing as aides, which in some instances has placed the seniors in jeopardy.

For this reason NCC Home Friends developed a program within a program called "Tell A Friend" to protect our Home Friends clients.

The way the program works is for



client X to know client Z's Home Friend, and the approximate time service is provided. If someone different comes to the door, the neighbor will have the chance to call and tell the "friend" who is at the door. Our clients are aware we have NO male Home Friends and that all Home Friends have I.D.'s. Clients are instructed to see proper I.D. before allowing the workers in the apartment.

Tell A Friend gives the seniors a sense of responsibility to care for one another. It brings a closeness when they know someone else cares. Be a friend today and Tell A Friend.

Elsie Best

Looking out for one another is very important for today's senior citizens. Here, Mae Boni (left) checks in with her neighbor Emma Cardot (right). These sharp ladies keep an eye out for each other.

Father/Daughter Retreat

On March 11, 1993, some of the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students of St. Rose of Lima had the opportunity to go on a retreat with their fathers for the annual Father/Daughter retreat. They traveled by way of NCC transportation van to Loyola Retreat House in Morristown, NJ.

When they arrived they did various activities guided by the retreat director, Presley Wood. One activity the participants had to do was to think through some situations. Later on, they had to work together to solve puzzles on a worksheet. They blind-

folded themselves and walked outside experiencing the trust they had to give to their father/daughter. Afterwards, they played games where you had to guess your father/daughter's favorite thing, noticing how much one knew of the other person.

Lunch was provided by the kitchen from St. Rose of Lima School.

When it was over the daughters said it was fun to spend time with their fathers again. Hopefully, we'll be able to continue the activities with our fathers and meet again next year.

Leslie McLendon
Grade 6 student

St. Rose School Winter Festival 1993

